

***Remarks***

In a restriction requirement, the Examiner identified the above-captioned application as containing more than one independent and distinct invention. The Examiner has required a restriction to either Group I, as drawn to a blade support sub-assembly for a scraper blade for cleaning a conveyor and described in claims 1-13 and 21-26, Group II, as drawn to a torsion blade holder assembly for a scraper blade for cleaning a conveyor and described in claims 14-20, or Group III, as drawn to a method for vertically adjusting a scraper blade in a blade support member and described in claims 27-30.

Applicant elects without traverse Group I comprising claims 1-13 and 21-26 directed to a blade support sub-assembly for a scraper blade for cleaning a conveyor. Applicant has canceled claims 14-20 and 27-30 herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Applicant respectfully contends that the Examiner's restriction requirement has been rendered moot.

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to correct a minor omission. The word "vertical" has been added to the element "rear *vertical* stabilizer." This addition brings claims 1 and 21 into agreement with claim 6, which is dependent upon claim 1, and which refers to "said rear *vertical* stabilizer." A rear vertical stabilizer 144 is disclosed in Applicant's specification at page 8, line 23, and in figures 1-2, and 4A. Thus, the addition of the word "vertical" in claims 1 and 21 is believed not to introduce new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited

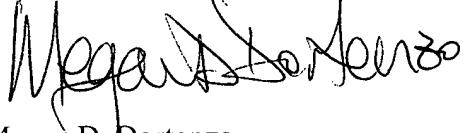
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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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